WHEREAS, Our United States of America, a comparatively young nation, has evolved a type of folk dance which is distinctive in form and truly American in type and character, and recognition should be accorded to this form of recreational activity which typifies our midwestern friendliness and culture; and,

WHEREAS, Square dancing was brought to our area by the homesteaders with the wagon trains, and is closely woven into the history of our State; and,

WHEREAS, This wholesome activity has been embraced by South Dakota citizens, young and old, in our cities, our towns and in our rural areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 17, through September 23, 1973, as

SOUTH DAKOTA SQUARE DANCE WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 27th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.

Richard F Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jean Johnson, Assistant

LORNA R. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

PROCLAMATION

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